## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

HAYWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.,

Plaintiff,

**v** .

Civil Action No. 3:20-cv-00710-MOC-SCR

BLUEWORKS CORPORATION, BLUEWORKS INNOVATION CORPORATION, NINGBO C.F. ELECTRONIC TECH CO., LTD., NINGBO YISHANG IMPORT AND EXPORT CO., LTD.,

Defendants.

## REPLY IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR USE OF AN INTERPRETER AT TRIAL

Contrary to Plaintiff's papers, Defendants do not seek an interpreter for the entire trial of this matter. Rather, as expressly stated in their motion, Defendants request only the Court's permission for an interpreter to attend the trial to assist Mr. Chen in fully understanding the proceedings, and with his trial testimony as needed. To the extent that Plaintiff intends to question Mr. Chen at trial, they will control the timing of that testimony. Accordingly, the time it takes to interpret Plaintiff's questions and Mr. Chen's responses to those questions is appropriately taxed on Plaintiff, with the time that it takes to interpret Defendants' questions and Mr. Chen's responses to those questions appropriately taxed to Defendants.

The continuance of this trial by three days was not a jointly requested continuance; rather, that request was made by the Plaintiff and not opposed by Defendants, who accommodated

Plaintiff's schedule. Defendants' agreement to Plaintiff's request was further made based on Plaintiff's agreement that the time for trial would be shared equally.

WHEREFORE, Defendants request that the Court grant Defendants' Motion for a Chinese Interpreter for use at the upcoming trial in order to assist the Defendants' witness Mr. Zefeng (Richard) Chen.

Dated: February 5, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 5, 2024, the foregoing document was served on all counsel of record using the Court's CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to any CM/ECF participants.

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